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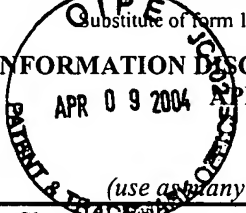
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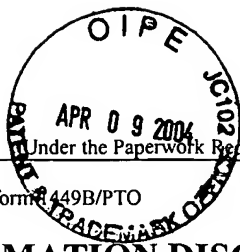
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The German laying open publication **DE 3101629 A1**, which was filed on January 20, 1981 and published on August 26 1982, is assigned to TELDIX GmbH. As can be seen from Fig. 1, this document shows a collectorless DC motor. Reference numeral 4 designates the rotor, which is held by two bearing brackets 10 and 11. The stator is formed by several bobbins 18 to 21 that are arranged on the circuit boards 16 and 17. This document also seems to show a common fastener that holds together the two halves of the housing and the electronic circuitry through respectively aligned bores.

German utility model **DE 29516656 U1**, which is assigned to emb Elektrobau Mulfingen GmbH & Co., was filed on October 21, 1995 and published on January 25, 1996. This German utility model discloses a brushless DC motor having an external rotor. As can be seen, for instance, from Fig. 1, the electronic circuitry is mounted on a printed circuit board 12, which is arranged between the two bearing brackets 1 and 16.

EP 0 286 905 B1, assigned to Alcatel SEL, was published on July 28, 1993. This document relates to an electrically commutated collectorless DC motor, having a stator 3 with a stator winding 14 and a rotor opening formed therein. This document also discloses the feature of a control board 17, whereon all sensors 26 are provided. The DC motor, according to this reference, also comprises a printed circuit board 17 and two bearing shields 5 and 6 that have at least one bore for receiving the rotor bearings.